

INFORMATION ON U. S. POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

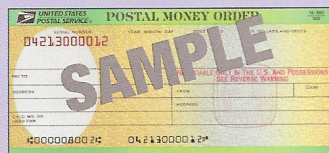


UNITED STATES
POSTAL SERVICE®



LOOK BEFORE YOU CASH!

U.S. Postal money orders are among the most secure financial instruments in the world. Genuine postal money orders contain design features to maximize their security.



Point of Service (POS) Money Order



Postal Money Order (PMO)

Security Features of U.S. Postal Money Orders

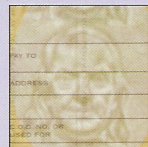
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Security Features for U.S. Postal Money Orders

Genuine postal money orders have security features that protect your investment. Be sure to check for these features before you accept or cash a postal money order:



When held to the light, a watermark of Benjamin Franklin is repeated from top to bottom on the left side.

When held to the light, a dark line (security thread) runs from top to bottom with the word "USPS" repeated.



There should be no discoloration around the dollar amounts, which might indicate the amounts were changed.

Domestic postal money orders may not exceed \$1,000, and international postal money orders may not exceed \$700.

If you have questions about postal money orders, call your nearest U.S. Postal Inspection Service office or Post Office™. Call 1-800-ASK-USPS or visit www.usps.com/postalinspectors to locate your nearest Postal Inspector.